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WHERE IS GOD WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN?

We, are asked over and over again, “Father, why do bad things happen” or more to the point “Father, why does God allow bad things to happen” and finally, “Father, where is God when all these bad things are happening”. Certainly, God doesn’t make bad things happen, but we, His loving children, we make the bad things happen. We allow these things to happen.

When God created the world, He created the world to be good. And each day for six days God created the world – the light, the skies, the waters, the land which is called Earth, the birds, animals, plants, and at the end of the day He looked it over and said that it was good! It was very good! But what happened?

At the conclusion of the first creation story, we read that “God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). This is a description of the world where God placed humanity at the beginning. The next creation story places Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden where Adam was responsible for “tilling and keeping it” (Genesis 2:15-22). This is a lesson about human stewardship – we are its caretakers. God gives us the ability to shape the world in which we live. Genesis 3 is the story of the Fall of Adam and Eve, their disobedience of God’s command, the resulting alienation from God that they experience, and the results of this. To Adam, God says, “cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you” (Gen. 3:17-18). And then in chapter 4 of Genesis, we read about the first crime: brother against brother, Cain murders Abel – a violent crime, with anger and pre-meditation. The sin of Adam and Eve – their Fall – led to our fallen world and we are dealing with its consequences ever since.

These opening stories from the Bible should help us realize that the condition of our world was not caused by God, but by humanity. God made us a beautiful world. He asked us to be its caretakers, but we messed it up, and as a result, its beauty has been marred and the world has become a painful place. Sin entered the world and death through sin (Romans 5:12). So, while it is natural to blame God at times like these, when bad things happen – the real blame falls to ourselves. We are not living as God wants us to live.

The question may not be why does God allow this to happen, but why do we allow this to happen? Why aren’t we more involved with the issues of our world, trying to restore it to a semblance of what God wanted from the beginning? Why do we not try to bring some sense of civility to the world instead of violence?

Just think back to the school shooting a few years ago in Newtown, Connecticut. Where was God at that moment? God was probably with the adults who put themselves in harm’s way and sacrificed themselves to protect the children in their care. The teacher who tearfully relates how she believed that they would die so she told the children that she loved them so that would be the last things that they would all hear. The photo of the police and fire fighters embracing one another, because even they can’t fathom what they are dealing with at that moment, even as they must “do their job.” God is in these moments. Just as God was in the firefighter at the Federal Office Building in Oklahoma City carrying the limp body of a child out of the rubble, just as He was in those firefighters racing up 90 flights of stairs to rescue people in the twin towers in New York, that is where God is. God is the good at scenes of disaster.

Terrible things happen in the world on a daily basis, but God gave us the ability and the freedom to work to make things better, to shape a world more the way God wanted it to be from the beginning. In light of the tragedy in Newtown, Connecticut, this could mean changing gun laws and people of faith might want to get involved in this discussion. More generally, there are plenty of other programs and policies we should be involved with. And we can begin to discuss and work on the general coarseness, acceptability of violence, and our behavior towards our neighbor in our culture. But these are the long term tasks in front of us.

So then if God is the good, and bad things do happen, where do the bad things come from? Remember, when Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s command to them, not to eat of the fruit from the tree of knowledge, when they did so, in complete disobedience to what God asked of them, that was the moment when sin came into the world. And with sin, came illness, came diseases, came hate, came war, came crime, and all the evil things of the world. None of these things existed before this time. Remember, God created the world in six days. At the end of each day, God looked back on it and said that it was good, it was very good! None of the evil things of the world, none of the bad

things existed yet. Not until Adam and Eve, the first man and woman He had fashioned disobeyed God's very simple command did sin and evil come into the world.

But God, as our loving Father, could not stand to see His children, His loving children, live under the sway of death and corruption, under conditions of evil and sin. No, even God could not stand this condition on His Creation, so He sent us His only begotten Son who would come to the Earth and be born as a child in a very humble way. He sent us His Son who would teach us how His Father wanted us to live. He taught us by His Words, He taught us by His examples. And when His task at hand was complete, He now would die on the Cross for the sins of the people, for the sins of the world. He died so that we could live!

Now let us fast forward to today, to 2017. Many centuries have passed. The violence, the wars, crime, hate, man against man, nation against nation, religion against another religion, continues day after day since the first recorded crime when Cain killed his brother Abel. Since the human creation has allowed this to continue, only the human creation can do something to make it stop.

But what can we do. We can all try and bring a little civility to our public discourse. We can all try to help the person addicted, to get medical and psychological help, maybe to rid themselves of the addictions. We can do more, but we cannot do it all and with God all things are possible. So we need God in the equation! We need to talk with God through prayer. We need to read God's words through Scripture. And we need to follow God's examples that He left to us, on how to act towards one another, on how to treat one another. And finally we need to share God with others who may not know Him. We need to share His Love! We need to share His Compassion! And we need to share His Abundant Mercy!

May the God of Love, Compassion, and Mercy be with all of you as you begin to think about your plans for this Summer. If you will be travelling, please travel safely. As with everything that you do this Summer, always remember our beloved Saint George Cathedral. Please continue your Stewardship support of your church even if you will be away so that we can continue to bring God's love, mercy, and compassion to the greater Manchester area.

With my paternal love in Christ,



Very Rev. Archimandrite Agathonikos M. Wilson
(Father Mike)
Cathedral Dean and Presiding Priest

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I hope that your summer is starting on the right foot. We have now entered into our Glendi Preparation season as the cooking and baking begins to pick up. Please check the dates when things are happening. We are having the second Glendi meeting, all are invited, on Wednesday 6/28 @ 7PM....we need help/we always need help and your help would be most welcomed. Have you done an ad for the book, called a friend with a business, have a business of your own, have your name on the patron page? The ad book is a main money maker for the community and we need your help to make it the success it can be and must be if we are to have the programs we all want to continue and to expand.

The choir has now ended for the summer and I want to thank them all for their dedication week after week to our church. The Liturgy is just better, more fulfilling with their involvement. Thank you, Cathy, Joyce and all you wonderful singers, your voices make my experience on Sunday more meaningful than words can describe. To everyone else why not remember a loved one by donating the cost of a new robe in someone's memory, a choir member will wear it proudly and bring honor to that memory.

On a new subject, we just celebrated on June 4th giving to some very deserving young people \$63,000 in scholarships to help with the enormous cost today of higher education that families are faced with in our country. I hope they remember their church in the years ahead as we remembered so many of the names of the past with the awards. We are a community rich in the tradition of helping our youth and the funds available will ensure that happens for many years to come. One of our newer scholarships that could use some help is the George Demos Altar Boy Scholarship, it is a wonderful way to keep a memory alive for one of those unique characters St. George is so famous for. That scholarship in its 3 years has had donations of exactly \$3,500 and we now have given out \$3,500 so its balance is now zero. I am finishing this letter and writing a check and I hope some of you will find it in your heart to do the same. Maybe remember George at the next wake you attend. I want his memory to live on and I know that is a feeling shared by many of us.

I would be remiss if I did not thank once again all those who helped me enjoy the Metropolis of Boston Ministry Awards Banquet. I also want to thank so many of you who had such kind words to say to me leading up to the event. I cannot thank you enough, this is my church and we are a great Cathedral and I am proud to be its Laity Award winner this year. HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER. WE REMAIN OPEN.

See you at Divine Liturgy,
Frank C. Comerford, President



SUNDAY SCHOOL SAVE THE DATE

First day of Sunday School is
September 24th @ 10 AM



SUNDAY SCHOOL FAMILY BBQ

September 24th @ 12 Noon
Join us for good food and
good company as we kick off
the new Sunday School year!



FATHER'S OFFICE HOURS

Father's Office Hours
Monday – Wednesday – Friday
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Saturday By Appointment

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Funerals

Thomas A. Pappas
Demetra Applebaum
James Chekos
Katherine Mitchell

May their memories be eternal!

Baptisms

Noah Marcus, son of Alex and Ritsa Agoritsas.
Godmother Maria Kostakis.
Congratulations!

IF YOU ARE A UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTOR

As we continue to look at different ways to improve our revenue streams after discussions with Granite United Way we are able to offer an alternative way for you to pay your fair share. If you are a United Way contributor you can now designate St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral as the recipient of your United Way contributions. So, if you have a payroll deduction at your private sector employment, non-profit employment, municipal employment, federal employment, or state employment you can designate your church as the recipient of your United Way contribution. If you are employed with the State of New Hampshire the State Employees United Way Campaign runs from June 5th-July 7th. You can designate your payroll deduction by using the code 400061 which is the identifier for St. George Cathedral. Thanks again for your consideration as well as your financial support for our beloved St. George.

George Copadis

DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE COOKBOOKS

Daughters of Penelope Cookbooks are available to buy. The price is \$20.00 each. They are available in the Cathedral office or by a Daughters of Penelope member.

CHAIR DONATIONS

We are in need of donations for the chairs that were purchased for the Community Center. If donating, please make checks out to St. George Cathedral. .

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Beautification Fund in memory of:

Aphrodite "DeeDee" Tagalakis	\$400.00
Anthy Tartas	\$800.00

The Gregory Pappas Memorial Scholarship Fund in memory of:

Paul Pappas	\$125.00
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VACATION CHURCH CAMP

Will be July 24- July 28

9:00 a.m. – Noon in the Community Center.

More information enclosed.

NEW CHOIR ROBES

As you listen to the familiar hymns sung by familiar voices check out our new look! After more than 30 years, we have new robes! We now need your help. Please consider a donation of any amount. If you wish to "purchase" a robe in memory of a loved one, or in recognition of a current or former choir member, the suggested donation is \$150.00. If donating, please make checks out to St. George Senior Choir. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

Christian Stewardship is a life style, which acknowledges accountability and responsibility before God. Becoming a Steward begins when we say we believe in God, to whom we give our love, loyalty, and trust. We affirm that every aspect of our lives comes as a gift from Him. Stewards are motivated as recipients of God's abundant love, to respond by participating and supporting His plan of Salvation and the ministries of the Church, which makes Salvation possible for them and for others.

Thank you to those Stewards who have generously contributed to our 2017 Christian Stewardship Campaign. If you have not yet submitted your stewardship pledge for 2017, or have not yet completed your stewardship pledge, we ask that you please do so as soon as possible. Your Stewardship provides the foundation for our Parish Ministries and supports our efforts in meeting the challenges of spreading Christ's Word and our Orthodox Faith here in Manchester and in the surrounding towns.

CALLED TO BE SAINTS . . .

KYRIAKE THE GREAT MARTYR – JULY 7



Saint Kyriake was the daughter of Christian parents, Dorotheus and Eusebia. She was given her name because she was born on Sunday, the day of the Lord (in Greek, Kyriake). She contested in Nicomedia during the reign of Diocletian, in the year 300. After many bitter torments she was condemned to suffer beheading, but being granted time to pray first, she made her prayer and gave up her holy soul in peace.

PANTELEIMON THE GREAT MARTYR & HEALER – JULY 27



This Saint, who had Nicomedia as his homeland, was the son of Eustorgius and Eubula. His father was an idolater, but his mother was a Christian from her ancestors. It was through her that he was instructed in piety, and still later, he was catechized in the Faith of Christ by Saint Hermolaus (see July 26) and baptized by him. Being proficient in the physician's vocation, he practiced it in a philanthropic manner, healing

every illness more by the grace of Christ than by medicines. Thus, although his parents had named him Pantoleon ("in all things a lion"), because of the compassion he showed for the souls and bodies of all, he was worthily renamed Panteleimon, meaning "all-merciful." On one occasion, when he restored the sight of a certain blind man by calling on the Divine Name, he enlightened also the eyes of this man's soul to the knowledge of the truth. This also became the cause for the martyrdom of him who had been blind, since when he was asked by whom and in what manner his eyes had been opened, in imitation of that blind man of the Gospel he confessed with boldness both who the physician was and the manner of his healing. For this he was put to death immediately. Panteleimon was arrested also, and having endured many wounds, he was finally beheaded in the year 305, during the reign of Maximian. Saint Panteleimon is one of the Holy Unmercenaries, and is held in special honor among them, even as Saint George is among the Martyrs.

Please Bring Your Children to Enjoy a Week
Of Faith, Fun & Fellowship at
Saint George Vacation Church Day Camp



**St. George Greek Orthodox
Cathedral**
**650 Hanover St. Manchester NH
03104**

Dates: Mon. – Fri. July 24- July 28, 2017

Time: 9 am - 12 pm

Ages: Children Ages 4-12

Registration: \$35.00 /child

(Add'l \$5 /child after July 1st 2017)

Families w/more than 3 children = \$30 /child

(Financial Assistance is Available)

Includes: Meals, Snacks and a Camp Shirt

**For Registration and Additional
Information Contact:**

Athanasia Robinson (603) 264-2968

Or The Church Office: (603) 622-9113

☺☺☺ **SEE YOU AT CAMP!!** ☺☺☺

Joyful Giving – Stewardship 2017 Pledge Form

My Pledge to St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral in 2017 (Please respond as soon as you can!)

NAME _____ SPOUSE (If Married) _____

STREET _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

HOME PHONE _____ MOBILE PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____ EMAIL ADDRESS of Spouse (If Married) _____

DEPENDENT CHILDREN'S names and birthdates: _____

May we include your contact information in the parish directory? YES NO May we add you to our parish email list? YES NO

Indicate any information you would like excluded from parish directory: _____

TREASURE

In gratitude for God's blessings, I/we commit to Christ and His Church the following amount for 2017: \$ _____

I WILL FULFILL MY PLEDGE IN THIS MANNER: MONTHLY QUARTERLY YEARLY OTHER _____

I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY PLEDGE BILLED TO MY DEBIT / CREDIT CARD. (This is preferred in order to save fees)

Card #: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CCV#: _____

PLEASE BILL MY CARD: YEARLY QUARTERLY MONTHLY

TIME & TALENT

NAME: _____

INDIVIDUAL STEWARDS should indicate areas of interest with a check mark. **FAMILIES** should mark "H" for HUSBAND, "W" for WIFE, or "C" for CHILDREN.

EDUCATION

- _____ Bible Study
- _____ Adult Religious Education
- _____ Intro to Orthodoxy
- _____ Publications
- _____ Speakers
- _____ Library

YOUTH

- _____ Sunday School Teacher
- _____ GOYA
- _____ Little Lambs
- _____ Hope/Joy
- _____ Scouts
- _____ Basketball
- _____ Youth Choir

BUILDING & GROUNDS

- _____ Garden & Landscape
- _____ Clean-up
- _____ Interior Repairs
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ADMINISTRATION

- _____ Review / Audit
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- _____ Glendi

LITURGICAL

- _____ Sanctuary & Altar Care
- _____ Altar boys / Acolytes
- _____ Baking Prosfora
- _____ Choir
- _____ Reader
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MINISTRIES & PROGRAMS

- _____ Campus Ministry
- _____ Welcome Team
- _____ New Member Events

- _____ Outreach
- _____ Stewardship
- _____ Sunday Fellowship / Coffee
- _____ Visitation – Hospital
- _____ Visitation – Shut-ins
- _____ Feed the Hungry
- _____ Prison Ministry
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- _____ Blood Drives
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- _____ OCMC Mission Center
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THE PARAKLESIS SERVICE IS BEING OFFERED IN AUGUST

On the Fifteenth of August we commemorate the Koimisis, the Dormition, or the Falling Asleep of the Virgin Mary. Much of the Church's Holy Tradition is given in the book called the *Horologion*. In this book we read about the falling asleep of the Virgin Mary, the Theotokos.

As time drew near for the Lord to call His earthly Mother, He sent an angel to announce this to her three days beforehand. The Virgin Mary then went to the Mount of Olives to pray. This was a prayer of rejoicing, the joy of return to the Savior. Ever since the Resurrection, death had a new meaning and attitude. Death no longer meant the end and despair; now it was a new beginning, a hope, a new life. Death was now, in Christian terms *sleep*, which Christ would wake us up from and live forever with Him in heaven.

The event of the Dormition is very important in our Church life and it is preceded by a two week fasting period. During this time we conduct the service of the Paraklesis, the Supplication Service to the Theotokos. During this service we ask the Virgin Mary to pray for us to her Son, to help us, to overcome our illnesses, and to assist us in times of trouble and/or in times of need. We do this because the Church feels that since she is so close to God that she will assist us in our prayers to Him.

Enclosed inside this newsletter you will find a Small Paraklesis Service form. Please write the **baptismal names** of those people you wish remembered and return this list to the Church office or give it to Father.

The Small Paraklesis Service will be offered five times at the Saint George Cathedral during the first fifteen days of August. **The Paraklesis Service will be offered on Wednesday, August 2, Friday, August 4, Monday, August 7, Wednesday, August 9, and on Friday, August 11. The services will begin at 6:00 p.m.** Please try and attend as many of the services as possible.

CHOIR ROBES

The choir would like to thank the following people for their donation towards the purchase of our new choir robes:

Diane Bobotas: in memory of her husband,
Aristides (Ted) Bobotas \$150

Tom and Carol Dionis: in memory of Carol's sister,
Ann Ahearn Colosi \$150

Helen and David Minkle and Dorothea Tsipopoulos:
in memory of their mother,
Anastasia Tsipopoulos, former choir director \$150

George Sioris: in recognition of Joyce Trapotsis,
church organist \$150

William Hughen, Jr.: in recognition of his mother,
Joan Hughen, choir member \$150

Nancy Daskal: in recognition of her sister,
Diane Bobotas, choir member \$150

Frank and Alice Comerford \$150

Harry Dimos \$300

John and Liz Stavropoulos \$150

THE BEAUTY OF HOLINESS

Orthodox churches are known for their great beauty. It is a beauty that is not of this world, a beauty that draws people into a world of prayer and love for God, for other people, and for God's whole creation. The beautiful church temple has but one purpose: to help the believer become a living temple of God by casting out the ugliness of sin - especially of judging others - and acquiring the grace of the Holy Spirit in humility and love. This struggle and its fruits represent the true beauty of the Orthodox Church.

Your Church Comes To You In Many Ways

Hospital and Nursing Home Visits: Illness is a physical, emotional, and spiritual crisis. It affects not only the person who is ill or injured, but also all of those associated with the patient. As a result of newly enacted changes in the privacy laws governing the health care industry, the church office may not always know when you are in the hospital, nursing home, or rehab facility. It is important therefore to contact Father Mike at any time of the day or night should the need for medical care arise.

Baptisms: Some time ago, *Life Magazine* carried a photo illustrating "A Baby's Momentous First Five Minutes." It was a photo of a mother's hand reaching out to her newborn child, illustrating the love and desire she had to embrace her child. Every time a person is baptized, the hand of God's Love reaches out to embrace that individual. It is Divine Love that supports the Sacrament of Baptism. Infants who are at least three months of age are received into the Orthodox Church through this Sacrament. Please call the church office to make arrangements for your child's baptism.

Chrismation: While infants receive this Sacrament at their Baptism, this Sacrament is the means by which other previously baptized Christians are received into the Orthodox Church. These adults will have attended catechism classes with Father Mike. Jesus said, "*Come and See.*" There is no commitment unless you ask for it.

Marriage: An appointment should be made to talk with Father Mike at least six months before your marriage, one year is even better. Couples who are planning to marry must attend the pre-marriage seminar offered by the Metropolis of Boston.

Funerals: A psychiatrist recently listed five of the most upsetting experiences people can have in their life and three of the five were related to death. Physical death is inevitable. During these times your Church and Father Mike are available to assist you in any way possible. In the event of a death, or an impending death, it is important to contact Father Mike any time of the day or night.

40 Day Blessings: This blessing is for mothers and their roughly 40 day old babies. This service welcomes the new mother back into the life of the Church after about a 40 day absence after giving birth. The service of dedication of the infant is in keeping with the custom of the entrance of the Lord into the Temple by which tradition places at 40 days after the birth of the Lord. Please call the church office to schedule this blessing.

House Blessings: It is the tradition of our Church that the Faithful have their homes and place of business blessed each year following the Feast of Theophany, or when a parishioner moves into a new residence, they invite Father to come and bless their home or business with Holy Water. This should not be a once-in-a-lifetime event, but a chance to welcome God's special presence and love into your home and your family. This blessing is offered by appointment, please call Father Mike directly to arrange for this very special and beautiful service.

Confessions: The Sacrament of Confession has been practiced since the beginning of the Christian era. The priest invokes the Grace of God for the forgiveness of sins. We as Christians who live in communion with Jesus Christ are expected to examine our actions daily and to periodically avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Confession, a form of spiritual check-up. Through these means we humble ourselves before God and receive guidance from our Spiritual Father, the priest. Confession should be a positive experience and one that we look forward to. Appointments can be made by calling Father Mike.

Pastoral Counseling: When people were touched by or reached out and touched Jesus' life, they undoubtedly sensed in Him the power which comes from openness to oneself, others, and the whole creation. When people touch our lives, what do they sense? The noisy static of our harried times, perhaps? As an instrument for deepening relationships, pastoral counseling can help bring renewal to a person. If you have an issue or are just simply overwhelmed by the daily challenges that life provides, you may wish some further assistance. Please contact Father Mike in person or through the church office. Father Mike is also experienced in Crisis Intervention and in Critical Incident Stress Management and has had specialized training in Spiritual Care, Emergency Services, and School Crisis Response.

Memorial Services: The anniversary of the death of a loved one can become very painful. The Church helps us to cope with this pain by encouraging us to have memorial prayers in the Church for departed loved ones on the anniversary of their deaths. For many Orthodox Christians the tradition is to offer memorial prayers at 40-days, one year, three years, and at five years., however, you may offer prayers for your deceased loved ones every year. It is also a custom to bring kollyva, a tray of boiled wheat, however, one does not need to have the kollyva. Trisagion prayers are offered if there is no kollyva.

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“FOLLOW ME”

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ clearly proclaims that He is no longer in the tomb. In His glorious victory, He continues to speak, teach, and invite us into the company of the Apostles and the saints by following Him. Our Risen Lord has invited us to follow Him and He is waiting for our response, not just in words, but in actions, in choices, and in every part of our life. Jesus invites you to follow Him, whatever the circumstances of your life.

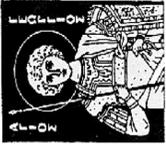
“Follow me!” Jesus says to each of us, to me and to you, to make our Orthodox Christian Faith a living, vital, moving force in our lives.

“Follow me!” Jesus says to each of us, by joyously receiving the true faith, committing yourself, your life, your mind, your heart, your talents, and your resources to Him.

“Follow me!” Jesus says to each of us, by living the Orthodox Faith with dedication and devotion in practice and in deeds.

“Follow me!” Jesus says to each of us, by sharing the Orthodox Faith with the world that needs to receive it. Proclaim the Faith to all who will hear. Present the Faith to all who will listen. Support those who practice the work of mission throughout the world.

*Excerpts from **Of Life and Salvation** by Father Stanley Harakas*



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July 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2. Orthros 9 am Div. Lit. 10 am.	3. Happy 4th of July (Office closed)	4. Happy 4th of July (Office closed)	5. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC	6.	7.	8.
9. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit 10 am. 40-Day Blessing of Evangelos, son of Christos & Alexandra Babis.	10. BOD Mtg. 7 p.m. at Annex.	11.	12. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 pm in CC.	13.	14.	15.
16. Orthros 9 am. Div. Lit. 10 am. Baptism 2 pm of Alexander, son of Andrew & Michelle Blake.	17.	18.	19. Cub Scout Mtg. 6 p.m. in CC.	20.	21.	22.
23. Orthros 9 a.m. Div. Lit. 10 am. 1-yr Mem. of George N. Kriton.	24.	25.	26.	27.	28.	29.
30. Orthros 9a.m.		Vacation Church	Camp 9:00 a.m.—	Noon in Community Center		
	31.					

ST. GEORGE GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL, MANCHESTER, NH
SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM
2017-2018

(Separate form for each child please)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____

MOTHER'S NAME _____

FATHER'S NAME _____

Does your child have any allergies or medical conditions that the staff should be aware of?

I give permission for pictures of my child to be used in the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral newsletter and St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral social media.

Parent Signature

GLENDI VOLUNTEER FORM

September 15,16,17 2017

Chairmen for this year's Glendi have been selected and are currently seeking enthusiastic volunteers to contribute their talents and skills. This is the major fundraising event of our community and in order to succeed we must have each member of our community contribute. If we all give a few hours of our time over the weekend, it will truly be a community event. Maybe you can have the whole family volunteer and work together at a booth. Complete the form and you're on your way to doing your part.

Thank you,
Frank Comerford

Name _____ Phone _____

I am interested in working on:

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> The Century Raffle | <input type="checkbox"/> Barbecue Pit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverage Under the Tent | <input type="checkbox"/> Taverna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cashier | <input type="checkbox"/> Handicrafts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Salads | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up Under the Tent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lemonade and Hot Dogs | <input type="checkbox"/> Church Tours |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making/Selling Pastry | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Raffle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Helping to Bake/Cook |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kitchen/Runners | <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Tree-Recruit Workers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist Lifting Trays While Cooking | <input type="checkbox"/> Money Room |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tent Serving Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Aegean Market |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loukoumades | <input type="checkbox"/> Multi Raffle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Souvlaki | <input type="checkbox"/> GYRO Booth |

Thank you in advance for your assistance.
Frank Comerford & Dick Anagnost, Chair 2017
Frank Comerford, Pres. Board of Directors
Cathy Moufarge Pres. of Anagenensis



✝ Saint George Greek Orthodox Cathedral Vacation Church Camp

DATE / TIME: **Monday July 24th - Friday July 28th 2017 9 am - 12 pm**

LOCATION: St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 650 Hanover St., Manchester, NH

REGISTRATION: **\$35.00 per child** (add \$5 after July 1) (Families > 3 children = \$30 /child)
Registration Fee Includes Camp T-Shirt Along w/Daily Snacks and Lunch

PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES OF THIS FORM TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD.

REGISTRATION St. George Church Camp 2017

Name of child(children) with age(s)

1. _____ Age _____ 3. _____ Age _____
2. _____ Age _____ 4. _____ Age _____

Home Address _____ E-mail : _____

Parent or Guardian Name(s) _____

Parent or Guardian Phone Numbers (Please include cell phone as well)

Any medical conditions we should know about? (If you are registering more than 1 child, please specify)

Allergies? Food restrictions? _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY St. George Church Camp 2017

As used below, "ST. GEORGE" shall mean its officers, directors, employees, agents and assigns, or any third party designated and approved by ST. GEORGE at any time. As used below, "Participant" shall mean any individual, student, mentor, teacher or volunteer involved in the St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral 2017 Vacation Church Day Camp, July 24th through July 28th , 2017 ("Event").

1. I, _____ (name), of _____ (address), _____ (city), _____ County, _____ (state), acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to participate or to have my child(ren) participate in the Event as a Participant(s). As lawful consideration for being permitted to participate in the activities scheduled and associated with the Event, I hereby agree to the following:

2. I hereby grant to ST. GEORGE the right to photograph and/or videotape me or my child(ren) during my or my child(ren)'s participation in the Event and grant to ST. GEORGE the right to use these photographs and videotapes as ST. GEORGE may desire, in all media and in all forms and for all purposes, including without limitation, advertising and other promotions for ST. GEORGE, without further compensation to me or any limitation whatsoever.

3. I represent and warrant that I and/or my family, including minor children, are fully capable of participating in the Event and assume full responsibility for the risk of bodily injury and property damage, which may result from such participation.

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable laws, I HEREBY RELEASE, WAIVE, AND DISCHARGE ST. GEORGE FROM ALL LIABILITY TO ME, MY PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN FOR ANY LOSS OR DAMAGE WHILE I AND/OR MY FAMILY, INCLUDING MINOR CHILDREN, ARE PARTICIPATING IN THE EVENT AND, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY SAID PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES, ASSIGNS, HEIRS AND NEXT OF KIN, COVENANT NOT TO SUE ST. GEORGE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH LOSS OR DAMAGE.

5. I give permission for a licensed medical authority (EMT, RN, LPN) to administer first aid or a doctor of medicine selected by ST. GEORGE or Event personnel to hospitalize, secure proper treatment for, and to order medicine, injections, anesthesia, surgery, or x-rays for me and/or my family, including minor children, following a medical emergency. I also give permission for Event personnel to provide transport to a medical facility for the purpose of obtaining medical care following an injury or medical emergency. I will not hold responsible ST. GEORGE for any injury or repercussions from medical attention.

For those persons under the age of eighteen (18) years: I hereby consent and agree to the above as the Parent/Legal Guardian of (minor's name(s)) in which case, "Participant", "I", "me" and "my" as used herein shall refer to said minor.

Child name(s) _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Print Name _____

6. I have read and voluntarily sign this Release and Waiver of Liability.

Signature _____ Date _____

PARENT Name (Printed) _____

VOLUNTEER CONTACT INFORMATION St George Church Camp 2017

Would you like to volunteer? _____ Which days? _____ Phone No. _____

BELOW THIS LINE FOR OFFICE USE :

Registration Type (Circle One): Child or Volunteer under 18, _____ * Payment n/a for Volunteers

No. of Children: _____ * Payment Date: _____ Late Reg. Fee ? (\$5 After July1?) Y/N Total Paid: _____

Payment Type (Circle One): Cash or Check _____ Check No. if applicable _____